

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following:

The summary of an XML document written in XML is introduced, for example, by "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Second Edition)" (<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>). An XML document is composed of three major portions such as an XML declaration 11, a DTD (Document Type Definition) 12, and an XML implementation value (instance) 13 as shown in Fig. 1A. The portion of the XML implementation value is written with a set of hierarchical elements, and tags are used as marks for identifying the elements.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following:

Software acting as a intermediary that parses an XML document and passes the parsed document to another application software such as a browser, etc. is called an XML processor (parser). The summary of the XML processor is introduced by "Document Object Model (DOM) Level 2 Core Specification Version 1.0 W3C Recommendation 13 November, 2000" (<http://www.w3.org/TR/DOM-Level-2-Core/>) and "SAX 2.0: The Simple API for XML" (<http://www.megginson.com/SAX/sax.html>).